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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 78, DECEMBER 14, 2004 RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE ELECTRONIC WASTE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING PAYMENT SYSTEM

Board Agenda Item No. 78 is a request to adopt a resolution authorizing the Interim Director of Public Works to participate in the State's Covered Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Payment System in order to receive reimbursement funds for all covered electronic waste (e.g., computer monitors, laptops, and televisions) collected through the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste Collection Program.

The program keeps residential household hazardous waste (e.g., paint, solvents, chemicals, etc.) and electronic waste (e.g., computer monitors, laptops, televisions, cell phones, radios, etc.) from being disposed at municipal solid waste landfills. The program provides a free and convenient means for residents to manage their household hazardous waste through weekly collection events conducted throughout the County.

In 2003, the State enacted the Electronic Waste Recycling Act (Senate Bill 20 [Chapter 526]), which imposes a \$6 to \$10 fee on each Covered Electronic Waste, as defined, sold in the State. In 2004, the State enacted Senate Bill 50 (Chapter 863) to clarify various provisions of Senate Bill 20 including establishing a commencement date for imposing the fee (January 1, 2005) and establishing the Statewide Covered Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Payment System which prescribes how the collected fees will be distributed. The revenue collected from this fee would, among other things, be used to help offset local government costs in collecting/managing Covered Electronic Wastes.

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By authorizing Public Works, as the administrator of the program, to participate in the payment system, additional revenues would be secured to help offset costs associated with collecting Covered Electronic Waste through the Program. The projected savings would be approximately \$300,000 per calendar year and all cost savings will be utilized towards further enhancement of the Program.

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